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## MARIETTA STREETFEST – SEPT. 18 & 19, 2021

### TWO-DAY MARIETTA STREETFEST OFFERS FALL FUN FOR FAMILIES

Happening in September, the 30th annual Marietta StreetFest celebrates arts & crafts, family fun, live music and classic cars in historic Marietta Square. Held Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19, the outdoor event is presented by the Marietta Museum of History, and admission is FREE!

Founded in 1991, the festival was expanded to a two-day event in 2017 and now draws more than 25,000 each year.

#### THE ARTS

Attendees will have the opportunity to glance through many collectibles and treasures that feature shabby chic and folk or something new and crafty for the home. Artist Alley will showcase works from more than 70 vendors. Local and national artists offer handcrafted items like paintings, jewelry, and pottery, as well as market-style items, such as lotions, jellies, jams and sauces.

#### KIDS

Each year, Marietta StreetFest includes plenty of fun activities for kids. In Kids Korner and Tiny Tot Town, young festival attendees will find inflatables, crafts, games and more. Throughout the weekend, a variety of kid-friendly entertainment from puppets to a bubble show will delight audiences of all ages. A small fee applies to some activities.

#### VINTAGE CARS

The 16th-annual Hubcaps and History Classic Car Show pops up on Saturday only on the square during Marietta StreetFest. The show will include vintage vehicles, classic cars, hot rods and more. Cars will fill the south side of the Square on Saturday (only) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Awards will be handed out at the end of the show. The winners will be announced at the festival on Saturday at 3 p.m.

#### MUSIC

The StreetFest is thrilled to welcome the Marietta Grassroots Music Festival again this year. Festival-goers can grab their blankets and lawn chairs and support local musicians. This music festival was created with the purpose of showcasing the best talent from the city and surrounding communities to build upon and strengthen the foundation of community pride present today and encourage a pay-it-forward attitude.

The Festival runs Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. While certain features have limited hours:

Arts & Crafts Vendor Market: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kids Korner: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hubcaps & History Classic Car Show: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marietta Grassroots Music Festival: Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

#### PARKING

Free on-street parking is available around Marietta Square. Additional parking is available in the decks located at Waddell and Lawrence streets, hourly rates apply.

Attendance at Marietta StreetFest is free! along with Free admission to Marietta Museum of History during the festival weekend!

Established in 1992, the Marietta StreetFest is an annual fundraiser for the Marietta Museum of History.



## SUPERIOR PLUMBING PRESENTS THE 2021 NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR

88th Annual Superior Plumbing Presents the North Georgia State Fair beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Jim R. Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Rd., Marietta. The fair grounds will be open Monday through Thursday 4 to 11 p.m., Fridays 4 p.m. to midnight Saturdays 10 a.m., to midnight, and Sundays 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

As the largest fair in metro Atlanta, the North Georgia State Fair attracts 300,000 people every year from north Georgia and neighboring states. The Fair features live music, free attractions and shows, farm animals, flower shows, blue ribbon competitions, local entertainment, and delicious fair foods. There are also games and rides on the Great James H. Drew Exposition midway— one of the largest carnivals in the United States, featuring the Wildcat Rollercoaster, Georgia Mountain Lift and the Mega Slide.

#### FAN FAVORITES RETURNING FOR 2021

Robo-Cars: One of the most unique and entertaining acts you will see. These real life Transformers will be cruising, dancing, and transforming daily.

Robinson's Racing Pigs & Paddling Porkers - Come cheer on the funniest racing experience ever! Pig racing gets even better when celebrities like Britney Spareribs and Lindsay Slowham are vying for the coveted Oreo prize. These porkers will race and swim straight to the top of your most fun list!

Treeman and Cowboy Woody: The phenomenon known as the Walking TreeMan! Barely distinguishable from the real trees, Walking TreeMan moves slowly and deliberately down the street, enchanting all that meet him. At over 12 feet tall, TreeMan can be seen from 150 yards away! Keep your eyes peeled also for someone dressed as Woody from Toy Story... only he's 10 feet tall! He will be performing amazing lasso tricks to entertain the fair goers of all ages!

Eudora Farms Exotic Petting Zoo— Experience an interactive, hands-on exotic animal petting zoo. It includes 20 to 25 rare and exotic animals from around the world. See a wallaby, a zebra, a lemur and have a chance to ride a camel. Make sure to visit Elliott, a 14-foot tall giraffe! This is an experience the whole family won't soon forget.

Brian Ruth "Master of the Chainsaw" - Will be back to transform raw logs into true works of art with only a chainsaw.

#### Free Concerts

A covered arena guarantees concerts rain or shine, including appearances by great country and contemporary Christian artists. Carriage Kia Concert Series featuring We Are Messengers, Friday Sept 24, Chris Lane, Saturday, Sept 25, Gabby Barrett, Wednesday, Sept 29, Jon Langston, Thursday, Sept 30, Chase Rice, Friday Oct, 1 and Mark Wills, Saturday, Oct. 2. Concerts FREE with fair admission.

#### ADMISSION

Gate Admission: \$10.00 admission. Children 10 and under are free. Ride tickets are \$1.25 each, \$20.00 for 21 tickets, \$50.00 for 55 tickets and \$100 for 120 tickets. All rides require more than one ticket. Parking is \$5. Concerts FREE with fair admission. ATM machines are located on the midway.

Online advance discount tickets can be purchased for \$7.00, with children 10 and under free. A book of 21 ride tickets can be purchased for only \$11.00, which is 50% off. Online tickets are on sale on our website through Sept 23. Visit [www.northgeorgiastatefair.com](http://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com).



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



#### D'SHON STROZIER!

Happy 10th  
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Strozier!

D'Shon, We hope  
you have the best  
year ever! You have  
blessed us all so much  
these past 10 years.  
Keep being spunky,  
happy and the best  
helper a family can  
have. We love you,  
Dad, Mom and all the furry ones at home.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



#### DEANE BONNER

Wishing my  
friend, Deane Bonner  
and very happy and  
healthy Birthday.  
Deane has been a  
moving force in Cobb  
County for many years  
including serving as  
the President of the  
Cobb County NAACP from 1997-2017.

### CONGRATULATIONS



#### JIMMY & REGINA

Jimmy  
and Regina  
Richardson  
were  
recognized at  
NCHS's first  
football game  
this season for  
their loyalty  
and support of  
the school and football team. They have  
been season ticket holders for 50 years at North  
Cobb. Their first date was a North Cobb  
football game.



### CARLEY VOGEL NAMED MISS COBB COUNTY

Carley Vogel, Kennesaw resident, a  
20-year-old sophomore student at Middle  
Tennessee State University, and Morgan  
Kennedy, 16, a junior at Pebblebrook High  
School, Cobb County Center for Excellence in  
the Performing Art (CCCEPA), were crowned  
the new Miss Cobb County 2022 and Miss  
Cobb County's Outstanding Teen (OTeen)  
2022, Aug. 7. The 63rd annual competition  
took place at the Jennie T. Anderson Theater  
featuring six teen candidates and ten highly  
accomplished young women in the Miss  
division.

Compose entirely by community  
volunteers, the Miss Cobb County Organization  
recognized Wendy Brunch, owner of Wendy  
Bunch Re/Max Pure as the Sponsor of the Year  
for her long-time support of the scholarship  
program. Wayne McGary, a Kennesaw  
resident, was honored as the Volunteer of  
the Year for his dedicated service to the  
organization for 27 years.

The two new public relations ambassadors  
for Cobb County will be active in the  
community during the coming year and then  
compete in the state competitions in Columbus  
next June.

A 2019 graduate of Pebblebrook High  
School, CCCEPA, Ms. Vogel won the \$400  
Donna Chastain Talent scholarship for her  
operatic performance of "Glitter and Be Gay"  
from the operetta "Candide".

Taking top honors in talent for the teen  
division, Ms. Kennedy executed a fast-paced  
tap dance performance to "Survivor". She won  
the \$300 Charles Chinnis talent scholarship.

Miss Cobb County, Carley Vogel, received  
a total of \$10,650.00 in cash scholarships

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### ANDREW BRAMLETT'S WHY WE SAY WHAT WE SAY.

In Ancient  
Athens, people who  
were felt to be a  
danger to society  
could be exiled for  
ten years. In order  
for someone to be  
exiled, a vote had to  
be taken of the town  
citizens. Votes were  
inscribed on pieces of broken pottery, and  
then counted. In Ancient Greece, a piece  
of broken pottery was called an "ostrakon",  
and the practice of exiling someone became  
known as "ostracism." This gave us the word  
OSTRACIZE.



Back in 1867, a device was invented which  
printed out stock prices on a small ribbon. It  
was called a "ticker tape" machine. The device  
became popular in office buildings across the  
country. Office workers eventually realized  
the ribbon was like confetti, and was fun to  
throw out of windows. They began throwing  
the ticker tape out of windows during parades,  
giving us the TICKER-TAPE PARADE.

The word SMORGASBORD comes from  
Sweden and means "bread and butter table."  
Smorgasbords date back to the 14th century  
and are similar to a large buffet. A smorgasbord  
traditionally came before the main course,  
but it later became the full meal at the 1912  
Olympic Games.

In Medieval medicine, sickness was  
believed to be caused by the four humors:  
blood, yellow bile, black bile, and phlegm.  
According to this belief, called Humorism,  
if the body had too much or too little of a  
humor it could cause sickness. Black bile was  
also called melancholy, which simply means  
"black bile." An excess of melancholy was  
believed to cause depression. Though the  
theory of Humorism has since died out, the  
word MELANCHOLHY still lives on in our  
language

### ANDREW BRAMLETT VIDEO SERIES

For the past 3 years Andrew Bramlett has  
written articles for the Bright Side on the origins of  
Words and Phrases. Now Andrew also is producing  
videos! His first series cover his Bright Side  
Articles. His next series covers the history and  
highlights of each Georgia State Park His third series  
covers former State Parks in Georgia. Andrew's  
current series is called "Overlooked History" where  
he shares interesting stories from history that have  
been largely forgotten. All of these videos can be  
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### KENNESAW'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out gave the public the opportunity to meet the KPD's new member, K9 Arrow. He is a beautiful dog, from the Netherlands and only understands commands in Dutch. He was very friendly, liking to give hugs and then -- his demonstration of a take down happened! Welcome K9 Arrow.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in National Night Out on August 3, 2021. We had a great turnout and it was a huge success! Also, a huge thank you to Georgia State Patrol, Georgia AirLife, the Cobb DA's Office, all of the first responders, and the vendors. We enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate what we have all been working so hard at accomplishing -- a partnership in keeping our community safe!

### SCARECROWS RETURN TO KENNESAW



The City of Kennesaw invites area residents, families, neighborhoods, non-profit, civic and faith-based organizations, local businesses, schools, local sports teams, athletic clubs, etc. to design and create a scarecrow to display on Main Street for the second annual "Scarecrows on Main" display. Participation in this event is free!

The application & information packets can be found on the City's website at <https://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/download/scarecrows-on-main-2021/>. The deadline for applications is September 16, 2021. Applications may be returned to Rebecca Graham, Communication & Engagement Manager, at [rgraham@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:rgraham@kennesaw-ga.gov) or by mail, 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave., Kennesaw, GA 30144.

The City of Kennesaw will upload images of each scarecrow to their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw](http://www.facebook.com/CityofKennesaw), where the community will be invited to cast their vote for their favorite scarecrows.

The top three scarecrows will be awarded a "People's Choice" award, and the scarecrow with the most votes will receive bragging rights, as well as a \$100 prize. Second place will receive a \$50 prize, and third place will receive a \$25 prize.

### CITY OF KENNESAW TO HOST JOB FAIR

The City of Kennesaw is hosting a job fair on Friday, September 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ben Robertson Community Center, located at 2753 Watts Drive.

Whether hoping to find a fresh start, a better job, or a new career direction, job seekers will find a wealth of exciting opportunities in a range of job fields at this free job fair. The City of Kennesaw looks forward to sharing employment opportunities with the community.

Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes to the job fair, with the anticipation of on-site interviews and possibly receiving an offer.

Open positions include: Marketing Specialist, Horticulture Technician/Gardener, Recreation Program Coordinator, Street Maintenance Worker I, Stormwater Maintenance Worker I, Business License Clerk, E911 Communications Officer and Police Officer.

To view the full job descriptions for available jobs or to apply online, please visit <https://kennesaw-ga.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers>.

### WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

The Cobb community is invited to join the Cobb County Domestic Violence Task Force, in partnership with the Kennesaw Police Department and the Kennesaw Public Safety Foundation, to walk a mile in high heels to show support in speaking out against sexual assault. The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will be held Saturday, October 9, beginning at 9:00 am at Swift Cantrell Park. Open to every one, but men will be walking a mile in women's high heels. The fees range from \$20-\$35. Check-in is at 7:00 AM. Welcome at 8:30 and the Walk begins at 9:00. For more information email [jpolicarpio@kennesaw-ga.gov](mailto:jpolicarpio@kennesaw-ga.gov). Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-a-mile-in-her-shoes-cobb-county-tickets>.

### GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE 5K

Join the Kennesaw Museum Foundation on September 18 from 7:30- 9:00 am - and be a part of the premier 5K race series in north Georgia and the City of Kennesaw's ONLY 5K series!

The race is run on a mostly flat and fast asphalt course, professionally timed and USAT&F Certified, through downtown Kennesaw.

The course is perfect for competitive runners seeking a qualifying time for the Peachtree Road Race. The festival-like atmosphere and food and drink make these races perfect for beginner runners/walkers as well as families.

For more information, and to register, visit [kennesawgrandprix.com](http://kennesawgrandprix.com).

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### THE ACWORTH ARTS ALLIANCE'S ART HOUSE

The Art House is hosting their Founding Artists Exhibit. This exhibit runs from October 2 through October 29. A Reception will be held on Saturday October 2 4-7 pm. Submission Deadline for the Founding Artist Exhibit is Wednesday, September 15. We are open: Tuesday thru Saturday, Noon to 6PM. Closed Sunday, Monday. Located at 4425 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA 30101, call 678-543-5777, visit acworthartsalliance.org

### THE CONQUEST

Allatoona HS Band will host their 5th Annual marching band competition "The Conquest" on Saturday, September 25 at Buccaneer Stadium. Come enjoy musical performances from bands all over Georgia. The first band steps off at 4:00 pm. Tickets and more information at allatoonabands.org.

### FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

The Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority and the Kennesaw Downtown Merchants Association are excited to announce the inaugural First Friday Concert Series in Historic Downtown Kennesaw.

The Series, which runs from now through October, will hold the next concert on Friday OCTOBER 1.

From 6:00 to 9:00 PM, the community is invited to stroll through the Historic Downtown area and enjoy an evening of shopping, dining and live music. The concert will take place at the Pedestrian Underpass off Main Street and is FREE - bring a chair. For more information, visit [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/first-friday-concert-series](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/first-friday-concert-series).

### NORTH COBB ROTARY

North Cobb Rotary meets at Copelands New Orleans every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m., feel free to stop by in the coming weeks for great food, great fellowship

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### HELPING ONE GUY OCT DINNER

The next Honoree Dinner will be held October 12, 2021 at NorthStar Church, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The honoree is Jim Shortley. The caterer is 1885 Grill, Acworth

Helping One Guy (HOG) hosts dinners in Kennesaw, Georgia at NorthStar Church. Every other month, we honor men and their families, who are experiencing the most challenging crisis of their life. Examples of their crisis could be a terminal illness, loss of an immediate family member, or some other non-material tragedy. We honor one recipient, every other month. The HOG Dinner is a time to show support and encouragement to each month's recipient and his family.

To register visit [helpingoneguy.org](http://helpingoneguy.org).

### COBB GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Sept 28 Topic: Princess or Just An Indian. Speaker: Melody K. Porter

American researchers have heard how they have Native Americans in their ancestry, but do you really? Additionally, many are told they descend from a Cherokee (or other tribe) princess. Cobb County Genealogical Society (CCGS) is hosting Melody K. Porter, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and a genealogy researcher, lecturer, teacher, and genealogy writer. Her topic, "Princess or Just An Indian."

Come join us via zoom for this free presentation at 7 P.M. on 28 September. This presentation is open to everyone but you must register. You may do so at the CCGS website at [www.CobbGaGenSoc.org](http://www.CobbGaGenSoc.org).

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## 2021 VETERAN/FIRST RESPONDER ROOF GIVEAWAY



All Roof Solutions, Inc. has been serving Cobb County and the surrounding area since 2006. Our team is devoted to making a difference in the local community and we believe building a stronger community starts with helping those in need; therefore, we would like to give back to one of the many deserving local heroes by providing him/her with a free roof on November 11, 2021.

In partnership with Beacon and GAF, All Roof Solutions is asking you to help them put a new roof over someone's head. To nominate a deserving Veteran and/or First Responder, please provide a submission on behalf of your nominee with a brief explanation as to why you are choosing this local hero for the free roof giveaway.

The rules of the contest are simple. All nominees must be active or retired Military / First Responders, be willing to share their story, and of course, they must be willing to let us install a new roof on their home.

Procedure:

1. Think about a local hero that needs a new roof.
2. Take two pictures of the nominees' home.
3. Submit the Nomination form which is online at
4. Vote for your nominee on our All Roof Solutions Facebook page.

You have until Oct 20 to submit your nominee. Voting period will be held Oct 25-Oct 29. Winner will be announced on November 11, 2021. No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary.

## YMCA TO HOST VETERAN'S EXPO

Join us at the Northwest Family YMCA on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4pm - 7pm for our first annual Veterans' Expo. The Veterans' Expo supports our veterans, military community, families, and caregivers from all branches of service by providing access to information and products, services, resources, organizations, and support groups. Veterans, military personnel, families and caregivers are ALL welcome and encouraged to attend. Participants can expect free food, free t-shirts for the first 200 in attendance, swag items throughout the evening, and free exhibitor services.

Interested in being an exhibitor, contact Becky Cross at [BeckyC@ymcaatlanta.org](mailto:BeckyC@ymcaatlanta.org) or call 770-423-9622 for more details."



## OAK SANCTUARY OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 18 @ 4:00 PM -6:00 PM

We are celebrating the grand opening of our new location in downtown Acworth. You are invited to come learn about our services we offer and the benefits of a sound session or how a Bach flower remedy consultation can assist with your growth. Refreshments will be provided. OAK Sanctuary, 4989 North Main Street, Suite 104, Acworth, GA 30101

## OAK SANCTUARY SOUND SESSIONS

WHY WOULD YOU BOOK A SOUND SESSION?

In your very busy and stressful life, you may be seeking natural ways to unwind and relax. You might find meditation challenging and taking the time for self-care seems elusive. A sound session calms the nervous system, shifts your brainwaves (think alpha and beta states of the brain), helps you reach a meditative state, feel less anxious, and may even help with pain.

WHAT IS A SOUND SESSION?

A sound session or "bathing" is much more than just a sound experience, though a lot of it is just that. A sound session begins with setting an intention and getting relaxed and comfortable while lying down on a mat. It continues by opening and clearing the energy centers of the body (the chakras). A diagnostic is done to determine areas of low or unbalanced energy in the body and then addressed. These can include injuries, aches, pains, unbalanced energy centers, and more. Then the fun part! Bowls are placed on and around the body and played in patterns so that vibration and sound surround and wash over the body. The vibrations help balance and release energies in the body and can help with relaxation and calming the mind. Practioner Patty Wallenburg demonstrates the bowls used in a sound session.

You may book an appointment by visiting: <https://theoaksanctuary.com/sound-sessions/>.

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## THE ACWORTH'S MAYOR'S DESK

As the air turns cooler and the leaves begin to change, the City is excited to have people explore our wonderful town and all that it has to offer. Summer is fading away and fall is just around the corner!

After much deliberation, JRM Management has decided, in agreement with their presenting partners, the City of Acworth, Superior Plumbing, and the Marietta Daily Journal, to announce that Pizza, Pints, and Pigskins scheduled to take place on September 11, 2021 will be postponed until September 10, 2022. Unfortunately, local pizza restaurants are not able to participate due to employee shortages, and we want this event to maintain the high standard of bringing the best pizza our area has to offer. We are sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment, but we look forward to seeing everyone next year at Logan Farm Park.

Our City has been very intentional over the years about creating an inclusive community. National Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15-October 15 each year. It is an opportunity to honor the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries. We are planning a celebration at Logan Farm Park on Saturday, September 25, so be sure to check out our Parks and Recreation website for information on that at [www.acworthparksandrec.org](http://www.acworthparksandrec.org).

September also means the return of the Horizon League baseball season! This league is for athletes with physical and cognitive disabilities, and they are given the opportunity to make lifelong friends and feel included in their community. The Horizon name refers to the saying, "the sky is the limit." There is no limit to what these amazing players can do! The youth and teen athletes play on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the adults play Thursday evenings at Horizon Field. Another way to show your support is to volunteer to be a "buddy" at a game. If you're interested in lending a hand, email [lhama@acworth.org](mailto:lhama@acworth.org).

As always, for more information on any of these projects, events, and programs you can visit [www.acworth.org](http://www.acworth.org), sign up for our e-news blasts on our home page, "like" Visit Acworth on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram at @VisitAcworth.

God Bless, Tommy



## CARS ON THE LAKE

The SaveAcworthHistory Foundation will hold their annual Cars on the Lake fundraiser at Dallas Landing Park on September 18, 2021. The car show will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information, please visit [saveacworthhistory.org](http://saveacworthhistory.org)

## TASTE OF ACWORTH

This annual event will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The City of Acworth partners with the Acworth Business Association and JRM Management to host this event on Main Street in Downtown Acworth. This event benefits numerous local schools and charities in our community. There are over 150 booths from local restaurants and businesses, as well as an entertainment stage. Children will have plenty to do with inflatables, quad bungee, and challenging games located in the kid zone. Admission is FREE! An array of diverse restaurants will be offering food samples from \$1.00 to \$4.00 to satisfy every palate. Parking will be available throughout town. Come hungry, bring the kids, and join in the fun!

## ACTIVE ADULT PROGRAMS

## SENIOR WARRIORS GENTLE MOVEMENTS

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## CHAIR YOGA WITH MARY

Mary's Chair Yoga is designed for Active Adults aged 55+. This class is conducted in a chair with gentle movements that concentrates on relaxation and strengthening muscles. Mondays or Wednesdays from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

## GENTLE YOGA WITH MARY

Mary's Gentle Yoga is designed for Active Adults aged 55+, but ages 18+ are welcome. This class is conducted on a mat with gentle movements that concentrates on relaxation and strengthening muscles. Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Acworth Community Center [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org)

## MOTHER SON CAMP OUT

The Acworth Parks, Recreation and Community Resource Department is excited to host our annual Mother-Son Camp Out at Proctor Landing Park on Saturday, September 18 beginning at 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to mothers and their sons, 13 and under. Participants will camp alongside the beautiful Lake Allatoona while learning about nature and participating in a variety of outdoor activities! Dinner will be provided, as well as breakfast the following morning. The mother-son "couples" are responsible for providing their own snacks and camping equipment. Not an experienced camper? No worries! We will have volunteers available to assist with setting up each campsite. Mother-son camp fees are \$30 for City of Acworth residents and \$45 for non-residents. It's \$10 for each additional son. For more information and registration please visit [www.acworthparksandrec.org](http://www.acworthparksandrec.org).

## R.E.D. F.L.A.G. WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Participants will learn and perform useful self-defense moves based on martial art techniques. Easy to learn and easy to remember moves use your body weight and leverage to help get you out of a bad situation. This is a fun and energetic class full of support and encouragement where participants leave feeling knowledgeable and empowered. Since this is not a "sit and talk" class, wear comfortable clothing. This workshop will take place at the Acworth Community Center on October 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price for each workshop is \$25 for City of Acworth residents and \$30 for non-residents. [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org)

## ZOOM CHAIR YOGA

Active adults are invited to participate in Chair Yoga from the comfort of their own homes! These virtual Zoom classes will take place live on Tuesdays beginning October 5 through December 7 at 10:00 a.m. Virtual classes are free to join. However, pre-registration is required. For more information and registration, please visit [www.acworthparksandrecreation.org](http://www.acworthparksandrecreation.org).

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## RICHARDSON ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID

ACWORTH, Georgia - Tim Richardson of Acworth is running for re-election to the Post 4 seat on the Acworth Board of Aldermen. A 41 year resident of the city, Richardson is completing 24 years of service on the city's leadership team. A native of Cobb County, he is retired from a career as a field engineer with Bell and Howell in the mail processing industry. The non-partisan election will be held on November 2nd.

Richardson's campaign focuses on the Quality of Life initiatives and partnerships the leadership team has developed over the past two decades. These include a highly respected and professional police department and an award winning parks and recreation department. Acworth prides itself on being an inclusive community providing quality services to its residents and fostering a vibrant business atmosphere. Partnering with the schools to insure a quality education for the students, city leaders also work closely with the faith based community and civic groups.

During his tenure on the city council, Richardson has seen the revitalization of downtown Acworth and the development of the Cobb Parkway business corridor. The city was first designated as a Main Street City in 2000 and earned the coveted Georgia Exceptional Main Street designation in 2019. Named an All-America city in 2014, the National Civic League inducted Acworth into the All-America City Hall of Fame this year for its inclusive and equitable redevelopment of the Parkside district.

"It has been an incredible honor for me to serve on the city team for the past 24 years," said Richardson. "As an elected leader I approach my duties with the heart of a servant. I have no ambition to run for higher office. My only goal is to serve the citizens of Acworth and to make this a better place for each and every person in our community. I look forward to serving four more years." Learn more about Tim at <https://www.timforacworth.com>.



## DRAGON BOAT WINNERS

Last minute entry in the Acworth-Cobb Dragon Boat Festival....Enercon Power Paddlers with team Captain Rick Baldwin showing off their 1st place medals. Their final time was 00.57.963. Congratulations!!!! The winning team is pictured above.

## ACWORTH'S E-GAMING LEAGUE

We are proud to announce we will have a fall E-Gaming League by partnering with GG Leagues again! Games will range from Madden to Rocket League to Fortnite and more! This fall season will begin the week of October 4 and require the purchase of a season pass. One season pass is \$30 and gives you access to 27 different games and leagues to participate in this fall. For more information and to sign up please visit <https://app.ggleagues.com/organization/293> or call us at 770-917-1234.

## CHALKTOBER FEST RETURNS

The Marietta Cobb Museum of Art is pleased to announce the return of Chalktoberfest on October 9th and 10th in the Marietta Square and The Craft Beer and Wine Festival to be held on October 9th from 12 pm until 5 pm.

Tickets for the Craft Beer and Wine Festival go on sale August 1, 2021. This is a sell-out event, so get your tickets early! Save \$10 when buy your ticket online from August 1st through August 31st; tickets, if available, are \$45 at the gate on day of the event. A ticket gives you access to unlimited samples of over 120 types of brews and over 25 varieties of wine from Total Wine, and you get a souvenir cup!

Enjoy an afternoon sampling craft beers, an assortment of wines, live music from local artists, watching professional chalk artists chalk the streets, and eating great food in the beautiful downtown square of Marietta. All proceeds go to the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art. For more information, please visit [Chalktoberfest.com](http://Chalktoberfest.com).

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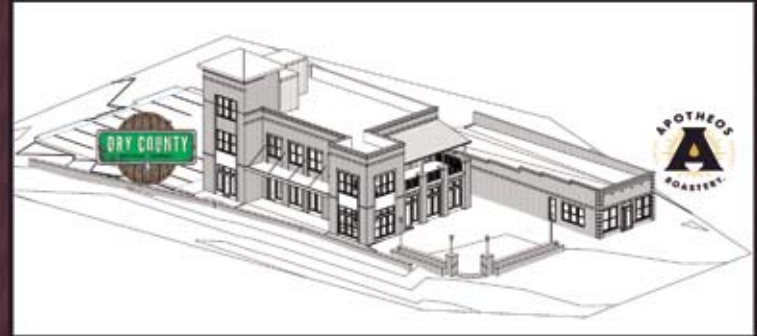
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## FIELD OF FLAGS ON DISPLAY - UNTIL -SEPT 18

Each life lost to the senseless tragic events of September 11, 2001, will be honored by our 5th Field of Flags installation in 2021. This powerful commemorative event begins on Saturday, September 4th and will be open to the public until Saturday, September 18th. Click here for park hours. Please join us as we remember and honor those who lost their lives that fateful day.

The entire community is invited to participate in what has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation.

There are many ways to become involved. Visit the 2021 Field of Flags installation at the Kennesaw National Battlefield Park, Old 41, Kennesaw, beginning September 4 through September 18.

Saturday, September 11 Attend the Memorial Service at the Field of Flags and Reading of the Names of those who lost their lives on 9/11, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152.

Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta through the Marietta Kiwanis Foundation, the 9/11 Field of Flags is displayed every five years and has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation. Flag sponsorship helps to fund this project and ensure its continuation in the future. The Marietta Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, #58-1409116. For more information visit: [www.911fieldofflags.com/](http://www.911fieldofflags.com/)

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### MORE NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR NEWS

The 1955 Cobb County Fair Premium catalogue stated - "The real purpose of the fair is to bring together for display, the best livestock, agriculture and home products made and grown the county." Today the fair is the North Georgia State Fair, livestock and agriculture have almost become things of the past but the artistic and gardening talents of area residents will still be presented in the non-commercial exhibits in the 2021 Fair.

Non-commercial competitive divisions include needlework, sewing, and handicrafts which include jewelry, toys and woodworking. Creative arts such as basketry, an expanded photography division, oil painting, watercolors and other media as well as ceramics woodcarving and sculpture are displayed along with food products in the agriculture/horticulture area. Food preservation, canning, drying and preserving vie for honors along with baked goods by entrants of all ages. The popular Christmas corner continues to grow and an expanded quilting division promises added incentives for quilters.

For more information on the rules for entry and times to submit your entry visit <https://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com/flower-show-non-commercial>.



### NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR PAGEANT TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 23

The crowning of seven new fair queens will highlight the opening night of the North Georgia State Fair, 2245 Callaway Rd., Marietta, Sept. 23.

Fair ambassadors will be named for the following titles and ages: Tiny Miss NGSF (3-4 yrs.), Petite NGSF (5-6), Little NGSF (7-9), PreTeen NGSF (10-12), Junior NGSF (13-15), Teen NGSF (16-17) and Miss NGSF (18-24).

Winners will be awarded a crown, trophy, title sash and passes to the fair. The early registration fee is sixty-five dollars through Sept. 22 when there will be an optional rehearsal. Full registration of seventy-five dollars will be accepted one hour prior to each pageant on Sept. 23.

The winner of the Miss Division will represent the fair in the State Fairest of the Fair Pageant in January next year. Judging will kick-off at 6:00 p.m. with the Tiny Division and winners are announced after each age group. The pageant features young ladies in their favorite dresses, and they are judged on poise, beauty, stage presence and personality on a scale of 1 to 10.

Applications and further information may be obtained by contacting Gene Phillips, 770-545-1351, Steve Duncan, 678-793-2007, Alice Surber, 770-973-3214, or [missngsf@yahoo.com](mailto:missngsf@yahoo.com)

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## GOD SAYS...

### OUR HOME IS TO BE A LEARNING CENTER FOR LIFE

BY MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH

Psalms 144:12 reads "May our sons in their youth be like plants that grow up strong." The bible often compares the family to a garden. Our home is a place to grow people. A garden to grow people in.

We usually think of parents instructing kids but I am always learning from my kids. My kids are my heroes. Watching them make it through life with their disabilities inspires me. I have no excuses.

My oldest son Todd - I marvel at how he made it to the 5th grade before he was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. What a struggle it was for Libby and I to help him find the right track to run on. Todd graduated from Kennesaw Mt. High School. He works hard now at NorthSide Hospital and is such a great dad to our granddaughter Emma.

Jacob our middle son.- He did not say a word until he was five. Started special needs pre k at age 3. He is now in his senior football season at Point University. He will graduate next May with a Special Education Degree. He will be a 3 time All Academic Conference player and a two-time academic All American.

Matthew is a senior this year at North Cobb. He was in the first Autism Unit class for Cobb County at Bullard Elementary. He is now in the MID class at North Cobb. This Summer he was in the EYES program at the Tommy Nobis Center.

My boys are my heroes, and I am by no means a perfect dad. I have made lots of mistakes, but they have taught me to never put limits on them. They inspire me to keep going, keep growing, keep learning, keep living by faith.

Matthew 25:21 reads "Well done good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things."

For so long I always thought that verse was about using the talents that God gave you. Your spiritual gifts. Taking care of Matthew has helped give me a different prescription lens to see that verse in a different way.

I comb his hair, brush his teeth, I shave him. I wash him... I want to make sure he is sharp dressed. He loves to dress up. I take pride in those things.

Libby and I take it day by day. We understand the Lord's prayer where we are to pray for daily bread.

Look at this verse Luke 2:52. It tells us the four ways that Jesus grew.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Jesus grew in wisdom.. "Intellectual growth" He grew in stature "Physical growth" He grew in favor with God. "Spiritual growth." He grew in favor of man.. "Social growth."

That ought to be the goal for our homes.. our family... To grow intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially.

Just like the American Express Card there are things in our home that we just will not leave home without.

We learn about relationships. Our happiness depends on our ability to get along with others. Relationships matter.. they are worth saving... We ask for forgiveness... we talk out our problems.

We learn about Character.. Much of who we are we picked up from our parents. Character is caught not taught.

We learn about values in our home...

Mark 10:45 reads "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Serving... giving... sacrificing... three qualities of Christ that was modeled by my parents every day. My father was a volunteer fireman for 35 years. 15 of those 35 years he was the chief of the Fairdale Volunteer Fire Department. My father was the greatest community servant I've ever known. My mother came from some humble beginnings. She never forgot what it was like to do without. She would be a big supporter of Love Does because she always gave to those in need.

My parents taught me how to live... how to serve... and they even taught me how to leave this world. I have zero excuses!

Look at this verse Isaiah 38:19 "One Generation makes known your faithfulness to the next."

Our home is a relay of values. It is like a relay race where one generation passes the baton on to the next and on an on. That verse hits home now watching Todd pass on the values that Libby and I taught him to our granddaughter. The same values that were taught to us by our parents.

Where do you want your children to get their values from? Your home or the world? In an ever-changing world... Our values are our compass through life.

In preparing our home to be a shelter for storms, I demonstrate my love... But in preparing my home to be a learning center for life... I need to evaluate my values... what is really important. What do I want my kids to catch and pass on...

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Ballots can be returned by postal mail, or hand-delivered to the ballot box inside the Cobb Elections office, or hand-delivered to any early voting location during voting hours.

In a pilot program, Cobb Elections staff will also accept voted ballots at certain libraries starting on Oct. 25. A schedule of dates, times, and locations will be published soon.

Early voting will begin on Oct. 12. A schedule of dates, times, and locations will be published no later than Sept. 27.

For questions and for more information, visit [cobbcounty.org/elections](http://cobbcounty.org/elections), email [info@cobbelections.org](mailto:info@cobbelections.org), or call 770-528-2581.



## ACWORTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BY KIM WIGINGTON, PRESIDENT



How do we move forward united and strong when we feel like we are a party of one?

In my field I am a minority. I am a woman who founded a Christian school for students with Dyslexia when I was just 37 years old. Brookwood Christian does not fit the mold for other Christian schools. The other headmasters were simply not my peer group, and we all knew it.

I still needed mentors, so I began to look to business people in Acworth who were willing to answer my many questions. What I found was an inclusive community who could guide me toward success. I introduced myself to people, joined organizations, served on boards, and made connections in Acworth. I stopped attending those headmaster meetings and concentrated on where I could make the biggest impact, my community.

The point is that sometimes we need to look outside our perceived circles and see where we fit. It's important to find our circle where we can encourage, support, and build up each other. Only then can we move forward united and strong.

### ABA SEPT AA5

Thursday, Sept 9, 5:30-7:30 at 1885 Grill  
RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

### ABA WOMEN'S EVENT

Thursday, Sept 16, 5:00-7:00. The Sept Women's event will be at Logan Farm House. Dinner will be catered by Fusco's Via Roma Restaurant. RSVP [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

### ABA OCT LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 7, 11:30-1:00 pm.  
Acworth Community Center, 4361 Cherokee Street, Acworth, GA, 30101. at [www.acworthbusiness.org](http://www.acworthbusiness.org).

## COBB SCHOOLS ADDING ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER

Superintendent Chris Ragsdale announced during the Cobb Schools Board of Education meeting that families will once again have an opportunity to choose the learning environment that best supports the needs of their student(s).

Later this fall, Cobb families will be able to apply for expanded openings in the Cobb Online Learning Academy and Elementary Virtual Program that will open in January, the start of the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Spots in the expanded online programs will be limited and will be awarded via a lottery system. More information about the expanded programs and how families can apply will be announced in the future. The lottery window will open mid-to-late October, and students will be selected through the lottery by mid-to-late November.

## MASKS WILL REMAIN OPTIONAL IN COBB COUNTY SCHOOLS

"Masks are strongly encouraged, but they will remain optional at this time.

When looking at school districts that have mask mandates in place, some districts have higher numbers than us, while some have lower numbers than us. Mandatory masking is not without a cost. We recognize that there are negative impacts to school-age children properly wearing a mask during the duration of the school day. The data analysis is obviously very complex during this pandemic.

We have made a continuous effort to allow families to have a choice, both in the type of instruction, whether it be face to face or virtual, and in the decision about what is best for their families in regards to masks. We have also encouraged vaccinations but believe it's also a personal choice for each employee, student, and family to make based on their individual situation. At this time, I do not believe it is appropriate to mandate either decision, which would remove the ability for each family to make the best decision for them as a family," said Superintendent Chris Ragsdale.

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### KBA SEPT LUNCHEON

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### KBA SEPT AA5

It's FAIR TIME. The NGSF is hosting a joint AA5 for our local business associations on Wednesday, Sept 22, 5:30-7:30. Please RSVP at [kennesawbusiness.org](http://kennesawbusiness.org).

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## MARIETTA NEWS



### ANNUAL SCARECROWS IN THE SQUARE CONTEST

Registration is now open for the City of Marietta's Parks and Recreation Department's 16th Annual Scarecrows in the Square contest. Please remember each group or organization must register by September 24, 2021, to decorate a Scarecrow on the Square by displaying your group, business or school's creativity and personality via a scarecrow!

Registration forms are available online for the public scarecrow contest. Visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) and type Scarecrow Registration in the search box. Entries will be judged on originality, construction and presentation. Creators are urged to use a theme and name that showcases the business or group's personality.

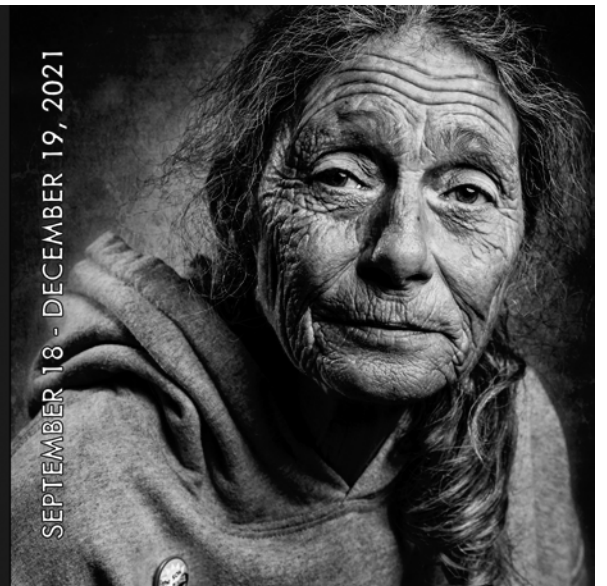
While there is a \$25 entry fee for each scarecrow in the public scarecrow contest, there is no entry fee for school scarecrows. All scarecrows must be completed and displayed during the week of September 27th through October 1st.

Winners of the contest will be announced online on October 16, 2021. More info: Marietta's Parks and Recreation Department, 770-794-5601.

**THE ROAD I  
CALL HOME:**  
PORTRAITS AND  
STORIES OF THE  
HOMELESS

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY  
**RANDY BACON**  
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### MARIETTA COBB MUSEUM OF ART

MCMA will host two new exhibitions beginning September 18 and running through December 19. Celebrate at the Opening Reception on September 18, 6 - 8 pm

#### THE ROAD I CALL HOME: PORTRAITS AND STORIES OF THE HOMELESS

##### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY RANDY BACON

Randy Bacon is a contemporary American photographer based in Springfield, Missouri. He has an extensive history in portrait and documentary photography, as well as humanitarian work. At the core of his work is the ability to present emotive, authentic visual stories of the people he photographs.

This exhibition presents portraits from his ongoing series, The Road I Call Home, featuring simple, direct, casual studio portraits of individuals experiencing homelessness. These portraits emphasize the beauty, identity, and integrity of each person and are accompanied by a narrative, as told by the subject, sharing their personal story of homelessness. The goal of this project is to bring awareness to our homeless communities and convey a simple message according to the Artist: "That we're all one-of-a-kind special people and every single one of us matters."

##### GEORGIA CLAY COUNCIL - MCMA JURIED EXHIBITION

MCMA curates and presents the Georgia Clay Council's annual exhibition of artwork by their members. MCMA will celebrate the versatile, multivalent realm of working in clay by displaying a stylistically varied selection of two and three-dimensional clay pieces.

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More information can be found at [mariettacobbmuseum.org](http://mariettacobbmuseum.org).

### GLOVER PARK CONCERTS

The City of Marietta is hosting its 2021 Glover Park Concert Series on the last Friday, of the month at 8:00pm on the Marietta Square. The concerts are free, but a limited number of tables can be reserved for a fee.

Table reservations are taken on a first come basis on the first working day of each month beginning at 8:00 am. Bring a picnic or dine in one of the many fine restaurants located on the square.

The concert for September 24-The Big Chicken Beatle Band (Hits of the Beatles)

Blankets and lawn chairs may be set up in the park and tables are permitted in the street after 6:00 p.m. No personal tables, plastic ground covering or ropes, tape, stakes, etc. used to section off areas are permitted inside the park as they will be removed.

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QUESTIONS: [www.mariettaga.gov/concerts](http://www.mariettaga.gov/concerts), 770-794-5601



## RESIDENTS OF THE KENNESAW CITY CEMETERY

BY ANDREW BRAMLETT

In my last article about the Kennesaw City Cemetery, I briefly mentioned Lucius Summers, the cemetery's first known burial. Lucius' parents, Thomas and Casandra Tomlinson Summers, were living in North Carolina when they married in 1837. They soon moved to Georgia, and their first son, Alvan Summers, was born in 1838. The Summers family moved to Kennesaw before 1840 and settled south of what is now Kennesaw. Thomas and Casandra would have at least 13 children.

The youngest of the Summers children was born January 27, 1862. He was named Lucius B. Summers, and some sources say the B stood for "Bartow." On October 6, 1863, young Lucius passed away. For unknown reasons, he was buried in what is now the Kennesaw City Cemetery, becoming the cemetery's first known burial.

During the war, the Summers House and nearby Roberts Farm played a role in the fighting leading up to the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. When Cassandra Summers passed away in 1875, she was buried near her son Lucius. Noted Atlanta historian Franklin Garrett, in a 1932 survey of the City Cemetery, misread her gravestone as "Casander Summers." The error was later replicated when her gravestone was replaced.

Thomas eventually remarried, and when he died in 1883, he was also buried in what is now the city cemetery. The Summers family is the namesake of Summers Street in Downtown Kennesaw. The Summers Family house was later owned by the Ellison family and was eventually demolished to make way for Cobb County International Airport – McCollum Field. The Georgia Historical Commission erected a marker to the house in 1954, which still stands across from the airport on Old 41.

## ABA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Acworth Business Association is hosting their Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 25 at the Governor's Towne Club, Acworth. The fun begins at 10:00 am. Register at [acworthbusiness.org/calendar](http://acworthbusiness.org/calendar).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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Four Person Team fee - \$420.00; Individual fee \$105.00

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For more information reach out to Chuck Guta at (404) 805-3218 [cgeagle6@bellsouth.net](mailto:cgeagle6@bellsouth.net) or Glen Kallas at (404) 216-3168 [glen.kallas@camdendelta.com](mailto:glen.kallas@camdendelta.com).

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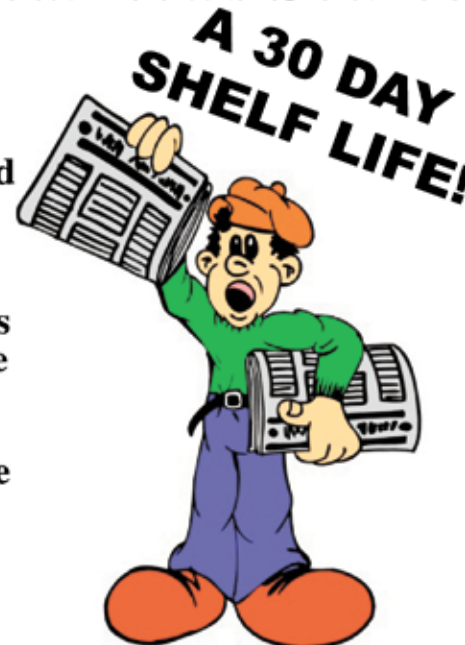
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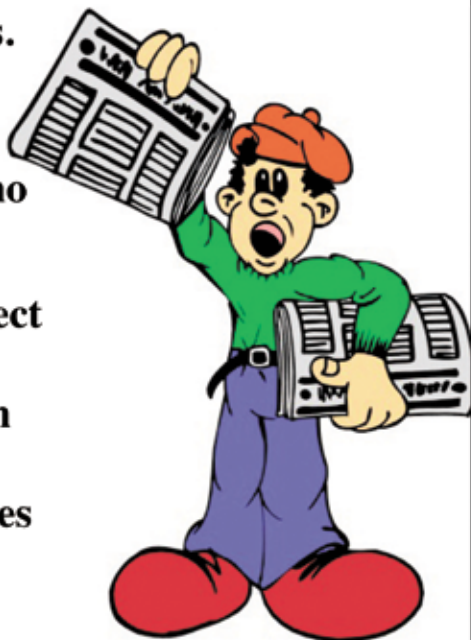
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## "LOVE DOES" AUGUST'S GIFTS

**MARLON LONGACRE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PIEDMONT CHURCH**

August was Diapers, Undies and Hygiene kits for those in need in our community. Georgia Military Care was provided hygiene kits for their female homeless veterans. Love Does provided over 10,000 diapers to the Cobb Community Foundation for families in need and Communities in Schools distributed over 6000 undergarments and socks to local high schools in students in need. See letter of thanks below. Funding for "Love Does" comes from Piedmont Church's congregation - contributing monies after their tithing commitment.

**Dear Marlon and Piedmont Church Family,**

Thank you so much for the incredible donations from Piedmont Church Love Does! We have distributed over 6,000 undergarments and socks to 10 elementary, middle and high schools. These incredible resources were provided to the following high need schools in our community:

Bryant Elementary School, CityView Elementary School, Cobb Horizon High School, Dunlieth Elementary School, Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center, Garrett Middle School, Marietta Middle School, Osborne High School, Pebblebrook High School, South Cobb High School

In addition to the undergarments, we received over 50 stock size toiletry kits with shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant and hand sanitizer to support the students at Cobb Horizon High School. These kits are such a blessing for our student community and CHHS. Students enrolled at Cobb Horizon come from all areas of our county and have many at-risk factors that include homelessness, low credits toward graduation or needing a nontraditional school environment.

Thank you again for your incredible generous donation, valued at over \$ 8,000. We are so thankful for partners like Piedmont Church and Love Does consistently hears the needs of our community and answers the call.

**Sincerely, Natalie RUTLEDGE, Communities in Schools**

## STILL COLLECTING FOR CHRISTMAS

Georgia Funeral Care invites our community to join their Christmas toy collecting for Operation Toy Soldier

Operation Toy Soldier is a nation wide program of the funeral homes in the Veterans Funeral Care network. Georgia Funeral Care is an active member of this group

Most of the funeral homes in the Veterans Funeral Care network are owned and run by veterans or, ARE the children of veterans. So when we found out about the need, we wanted to help.

We get questions about types of toys needed. A football or soccer ball is a big hit. Barbie Dolls and coloring books are huge. If your 5-10 year old would like it, our kids will love it too.

It is very important to us that you understand that even though Operation Toy Soldier is a nationwide toy drive, all the toys you donate STAY LOCAL. When you donate a toy in the Atlanta area, the toy goes to a soldier's family in Atlanta.

Drop off bins are located at Georgia Funeral Care (4671 S Main St., Acworth). Drop off bins for September will be at Georgia Funeral Care and Northcutt Station Salon. Both on Main Street in Acworth.



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## MOTHER KNOWS BEST

BY JOE RAMIREZ, JR., 11TH GRADE, HOMESCHOOLED

Long ago, there was a young boy that lived by the sea. His parents always warned him to stay away from the water, for pirates frequented the shores. The boy never felt the desire to venture there. That is until the day his mother let him go to the well for fresh water. "It's time you take on more responsibilities" she said.

As the boy set out for the well, the temptation didn't even enter his mind. It was only after he reached his destination and happened to glance down at the beach below the hill, when he heard something on the beach calling him. He tried ignoring it, but the sand rustling on the shore and the waves crashing upon the sea summoned him. He took one final look and said to himself, "I see no pirates on the beach nor one ship on the sea. I think mother is just scared I will drown. It can't be that dangerous. In fact, it looks fun."

With that, the boy surrendered to his inclination, pranced down the beach, and found himself at the edge of the shore. He dipped his foot in and started to run back, when something caught his eye. Before long, he had dug a huge pit and beheld a treasure chest. Inside he discovered piles of gold and jewels. While distracted by avarice, he noticed too late the giant figure looming over him. A pirate!

"Well how ye be, landlubber?" the sea dog roared. "What ye doing with me treasure?" The pirate didn't wait for a response, but scooped him up and carried him off into the horizon on his boat. As the boy gazed at his home shore, gagged and bound, he only wished he had listened to his mother

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Auditions Seeking: Singers who can dance and dancers who can sing! To be considered for casting, you are required to complete BOTH the group dance and individual vocal audition. Ages 16+ invited to audition.

Video submission are open now. Please include the following in your submission: Headshot, Resume, Vocal Audition: Prepare two Christmas/holiday songs that best show off your voice, with an accompaniment track, Dance Audition: Auditionees should wear clothing that is easy to move in, character/dance shoes recommended. A combination will be taught to all auditionees and those that wish to show tricks/jumps/turns will be given a chance to do so. Ability to learn different styles quickly is as important as technical ability.

Please submit your video submission to auditions@strandmarietta.org as a google drive link or YouTube link only. Please do not send video files as attachments.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY ANN MULLANEY

Mary Ann Mullaney, 65, of Kennesaw, GA passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 26, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her parents Gertrude "Sis" Wright & Edwin "Pidgie" Wright of Cambridge, MA. She is survived by her husband, Charlie Mullaney of Kennesaw, GA, son Charles E Mullaney of LaGrange, GA (Amber), daughter Lindsey A Pritchard of Woodstock, GA (James) along with three Grandchildren that she absolutely adored. Brady Mullaney, Isabella Mullaney & Gertie Pritchard.

Mary was the Rose between the thorns with three older brothers and three younger brothers all from the Boston area.

Mary never met a stranger! To know Mary was to love her. She would always greet everyone she met with a smile and an open hand or ear to listen. Mary was blessed to have so many friends all of which she cherished and many of whom she considers "Family" to this day.

She spent her entire life working to help others in need. She began her career at Walter E Fernald State School in Waltham, MA at the age of 16 working with physically and developmentally challenged adults. From there her journey led her to become a Physical Therapy Assistant.

In 1992, the family moved to Kennesaw, GA where she began a 25+ year career with The Tommy Nobis Center, continuing her lifelong journey helping others by placing and training individuals with special needs in employable positions as a Job Coach. Many of the programs she developed are still employee individuals to this day, and her legacy of building an inclusive workforce will continue forever.

Mary was fortunate to live a life that was guided by her faith and passion for helping others, especially people in the special needs community. She was actively involved with Saint Catherine's Disabilities Ministry for over 20 years. This passion encouraged her to assist with creating the Saint Joseph Catholic Church Disabilities FUN NIGHT! Ministry. Mary was known by all the participants for her creativity and monthly crafts and kind smile. Mary could always be found volunteering at Saint Joseph Catholic Church through different ministries and events as a Knight's Lady of Saint Joseph Council 4599 Knights of Columbus.

One of Mary's proudest accomplishments of her career was being awarded The Civitan International, Georgia District, Area 3, 2018 SERVANT'S HEART AWARD

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Mary was a beloved wife, mom, Nanny, confidant, and dear friend to so many. She was blessed with an empathetic ear, compassionate heart, and wisdom which influenced the lives of her family and friends. Those who loved her received comfort and a sense of calm just by being in her presence. Her smile and laughter brightened every room she entered. She lived her life to the fullest each day. She lived a life with no regrets and made it her mission to make each day brighter for someone else. Her favorite days were spent loving her husband, children and grandchildren and she will be greatly missed.

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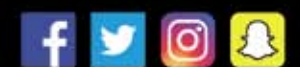


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